

Remarks

Claims 22 and 27 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 22 has been rewritten with the limitations of base Claim 21, and Claim 27 has been rewritten with the limitations of base Claim 25 and intervening Claim 26. Accordingly, Claims 22 and 27 should stand allowable. Claims 10 and 11 are now dependent on allowable Claim 22, and thus also should stand allowable.

Claims 33 and 49 has been rewritten in independent form and amended to included subject matter found allowable in Claims 22 and 27. Claim 36-45 are now dependent on base Claim 33, and Claim 48 is now dependent on Claim 49. Claim 50 has also been amended to include subject matter found allowable in Claims 22 and 27. Thus, Applicants believe that Claims 33, 36-45, 48, 49, and 50 should also be allowed.

Claims 9, 21, 23-26, 28-32, 34-35, and 46-47 are canceled. Applicants are taking this action to expedite issuance of a patent on the invention described in the application, and may file a Continuation Application containing claims of the scope which Applicants believe they are entitled.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed listing U.S. Patent No. 5,383,472.

The Application should be in condition for allowance. A petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed with a check for \$55.00.

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